

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants confirm the election of the invention of claims 1-39 and 43-45, and cancel claims 40-42, and 46.

Claims 1-7, 10-36 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over *Fu et al.* (US 6350721). Applicants have cancelled claims 2-8, 10-36 and 39. Claim 1 has been rewritten as indicated in the next paragraph.

Claims 8, 9, 37 and 38 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 8 has been incorporated into amended claim 1 and original claim 8 is canceled; claim 9 was dependent upon claim 8 and is now made dependent upon claim 1. Claim 37 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 1; claim 38 was dependent upon claim 8 and is now made dependent upon claim 1.


The cancellation of claims does not result in a change in inventorship.

Claims 43-45 have been indicated as allowable.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should any additional fees be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 04-1579 (56.0550).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas O. Mitchell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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